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FROM: AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

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SUBJECT: PRC - CROP CONDITIONS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: CROP CONDITIONS IN SHANTUNG PROVINCE NOT AS  
GOOD AS EXPECTED. CONDITIONS IN KIANGSI AND HUNAN APPEAR  
GOOD. END SUMMARY

1. STATE PRC/M PLEASE PASS WILLIAM THOMAS.
  2. FOLLOWING FROM NEELEY, AGOFFICER, USLO, PEKING.
  3. USLO AGOFFICER TRAVELED BY TRAIN FROM PEKING TO SHANGHAI  
AND THEN ON TO CANTON APRIL 19 TO 24.
  4. WHEAT IN PEKING AREA GENERALLY GOOD AND 4-6 INCHES TALL
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BUT DETERIORATED SOME TOWARD TIENTSIN.

5. BETWEEN TIENTSIN AND TS'ANG-CHOU, MOST OF WHEAT AND  
RAPE FIELDS HAD GOOD GROPS, BUT SOME FIELDS WITH THIN  
STANDS AND SHOWED EVIDENCE OF LACK OF ADEQUATE WATER.  
UNIRRIGATED FIELDS GENERALLY POOR.

6. FROM TS'ANG-CHOU TO TE-CHOU CROP CONDITIONS DETERIORATED SOME, BUT MOST OF WHEAT CROP HEALTHY, GREEN AND 6-7 INCHES TALL. WATER NEEDED IN MANY FIELDS. EXCELLENT IRRIGATED FIELDS WITH WHEAT 6-8 INCHES TALL WERE SEEN BESIDE UN-IRRIGATED FIELDS OF POOR COLOR AND THIN STANDS OF ONLY 3-5 INCHES HEIGHT.

7. THE WHEAT IMPROVED SOME TOWARD TSINAN WITH MANY FIELDS ABOUT 9 INCHES TALL AND LUSH, GREEN - BUT THERE WERE SCATTERED POOR FIELDS.

8. IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF TSINAN WHEAT WAS MOSTLY GOOD AND 8-10 INCHES TALL. A FEW UNWATERED FIELDS SHOWED THIN STANDS AND SHORT GROWTH. UNWATERED UPLAND FIELDS POOR. FURTHER SOUTH TOWARD YEN-CHOU ABOUT HALF WHEAT WAS GOOD AND HALF WAS POOR. IN SOME EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS, WHEAT WAS SCHREE INCHES TALLER THAN THE BETTER SURROUNDING FIELDS. LARGE VALLEY NEAR YEN-CHOU HAD EXCELLENT WHEAT.

9. SOUTH OF YEN-CHOU WHEAT MOSTLY SHOWED VERY GOOD DEVELOPMENT.

10. (NOTE: OBSERVATION REVEALS THAT NORTHERN PART OF SHANTUNG PROVINCE IS SUFFERING MORE FROM DROUGHT THAN USDA WEATHER INFORMATION INDICATES.)

11. WHEAT AND BARLEY IN THE SHANGHAI AREA ARE VERY GOOD. COMMUNE REPRESENTATIVE STATED HAD HAD TOO MUCH RAIN BUT EXPECTED RECORD YIELDS. RICE WILL BE TRANSPLANTED IN MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIELDS FOLLOWING BARLEY AND WHEAT HARVEST.

12. TRAVELING ACROSS CENHEAL KUFPSILI VINCE, CROP CONDITIONS APPEARED EXCELLENT. AREA MOSTLY DEVOTED TO PADDY, OF WHICH ABOUT 80 PERCENT HAD BEEN PLOWED AND ABOUT ONE THIRD TRANSPLANTED. WHEAT, BARLEY AND RAPE CROPS WHICH COVER ABOUT 10 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE AREA WERE ALL GOOD. RAPE WAS BEING HARVESTED AND WHEAT AND BARLEY ALREADY HEADED. MOST WHEAT, BARLEY AND RAPE LAND WILL BE TRANSPLANTED TO RICE. CLOVER COVER ON UNPLOWED PADDY LAND WAS EXCELLENT.

13. HUNAN PROVINCE FROM CHU-CHOU TO HENG-YANG IS DEVOTED MOSTLY TO PADDY. CROP CONDITIONS APPEARED EXCELLENT. ABOUT HALF OF PADDY LAND HAS BEEN TRANSPLANTED TO RICE. RAPE, WHEAT AND BARLEY ALL GOOD. RAPE MOSTLY ALREADY HARVESTED.

14. FROM CANTON TOWARD HONG KONG ALMOST ALL PADDY ALREADY TRANSPLANTED. CONDITIONS APPEAR GOOD.

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